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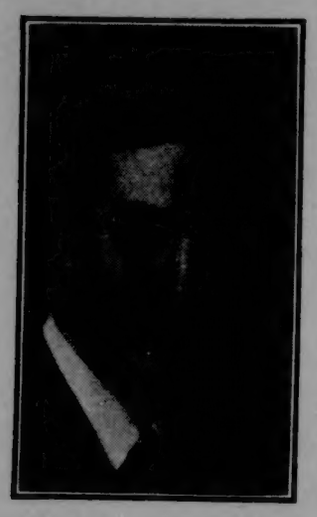
CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS HONOR MacDONALD

On August 4th, prior to his departure for Los Angeles to assume the duties of Mission President, Aird MacDonald was the guest of honor of prominent officials of the State of California and of the City of Stockton. The affair was a dinner party held at the beautiful country home of Al Lindley on the banks of the San Joaquin River near Stockton. Among those present were State Treasurer August Johnson; William Collins, chairman, and Fred Stewart and A. T. Edgar, members of the Board of Equalization; the mayor of Stockton, the district attorney, one assemblyman and the state senator of San Joaquin County; Tully Knolls, president of the College of the Pacific, who acted as toastmaster, and many others. Also present were Apostle Melvin J. Ballard who was one of the speakers, and Presidents J. Edward Johnson and Eugene Hilton.



W. Aird MacDonald

Not often is there such a concert of approval for a man's work as that given to President Macdonald's two years' activities as chief law enforcement officer in Stockton. The speakers were lavish in their commendation, more than one stating that if Mormonism produced such men as he, then what the nation needed was Mormonism. Toastmaster Knolls observed that it was well for the teachings of his own dear Quaker mother that Macdonald had been called away, lest he be tempted beyond his strength to become a Mormon himself.

Principal cause for this popularity for one holding a position which is usually most unpopular, is President MacDonald's organization of a body of leading citizens of Stockton which he dubbed his "high council." Upon his going to Stockton he contacted the various civic groups and selected prominent representatives from each — preachers, professional men, business men, brewers, etc.—to form this advisory cabinet, to whom he presented his problems, and who advised and directed him. The result was that he soon became the agency for a united public opinion, representative of the community itself and not of some far distant authority.

Undoubtedly President Macdonald is destined to do great missionary work in his new calling. None, however, will be more important or as far reaching as that which he did in Stockton, in line of his daily duty.

RELIEF SOCIETY, M. I. A. HOLD SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

The annual conference-convention of the Relief Society and the Mutual Improvement Associations was held August 14 and 15 in the Oakland Chapel. The M. I. A. General Board was represented by General Superintendent George Q. Morris, and Hazel Brockbank and Marie Thomas. Julia A. F. Lund represented the Relief Society.

Instructions were given to Stake and ward officers in the launching of the new season's program. The convention was very important, according to Superintendent Morris, because of the many changes that are taking place in the Church programs. "The M. I. A. program is very different from the program of three, or even two years ago," said Superintendent Morris. "It is always being brought up to date to meet the demands of an ever changing world," he continued.

The general theme of the Relief Society convention was "Some phases of the Educational Program of Relief Society," and in the opening meeting Saturday afternoon the theme was treated by the General Board member and Stake officers.

The general session Sunday morning was under the direction of the Stake Presidency. President Hilton spoke briefly at the opening, after which Stake Relief Society President Sarah H. Curruth gave the yearly report. Julia A. F. Lund was the visiting speaker. Delbert F. Wright, and William J. Nielsen of the High Council and President Clyde Summerhays also spoke.

The afternoon session was also under the direction of the Stake Presidency. The first speaker, President W. Glenn Harmon, took as his text the Book of Mormon quotation, "Ye are only in the service of your God when ye are in the service of your fellow man."

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GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE

The Stake Genealogical Committee wish to convey the following message to members of the Stake, old and young:

The full purpose of Temple Work can only be accomplished when sealing ordinances are completed for all the family groups in one's chain of ancestry back to the beginning.

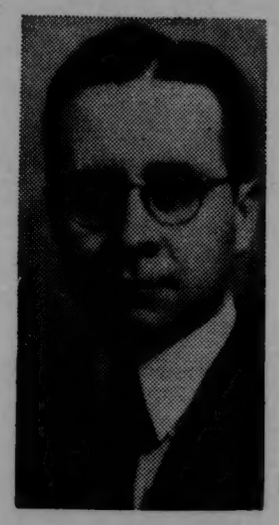
President Wilford Woodruff said: "We want the Latter Day Saints to trace their geneaologies as far as they can and to be sealed to their fathers and mothers. This is the will of the Lord to His people."

The Stake and Ward genealogical committees are established to cooperate with you in liquidating this obligation. The research committee will help compile those ancestral names into a family record. In the careful preparation of ordinance sheets your Temple committee can be of inestimable service. Contemplating a visit to the House of the Lord? May we assist in your preparations?

Stake and Ward Temple activities for 1937 have increased considerably over those for 1936. May we all ascend to the heights of our spiritual opportunities.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN ACCEPTS GAUGE ON TOBACCO PROBLEM

By GLENN R. DORIUS, M.D.



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At the April quarterly conference President J. Edward Johnson stated that many doctors, even some in our own Church, had been heard to say there may be little or no harm in smoking. The writer looks upon this as a challenge to his profession, and wishes to give the consensus of opinion of the overwhelming majority of the medical profession on this subject.

Although opinions change and although there is considerable variance among doctors, still there has been so much original research reported in the past five years in medical journals that some valuable information is at hand concerning smoking.

It can never be held against the medical profession that it permitted itself, even by implication, to be involved in the endorsement of a tobacco product. Variance of opinion among doctors is *not whether smoking is harmful*, but *just how much harm it does cause.*

Four distinct types of action following smoking are recognized, viz: a local irritating action; a pharmacological action due in a large measure to its nicotine; an allergic action in certain susceptibles due to its proteins or undetermined constituents; and a psychic action. Some of these actions will be briefly discussed.

There is always more or less local irritation of the mouth, tongue and pharynx, and, if inhaled, of bronchial tubes; and from swallowing saliva the esaphagus and stomach suffer. Chronic pharyngitis with cough and expectoration of thick mucus is common to old smokers. Altho cigarettes may not have a cough in a carload, the cough is present *in the throats of those who smoke them.*

That tobacco smoke is generally irritating to the mucous membrances may be reasonably inferred from the emphasis which has been placed upon the relative freedom *from* this effect in recent advertisements. Private conversations as well as paid interviews with smokers indicate

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

Verily are those words being fulfilled in behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Public opinion has undergone a change so recent and so vast respecting us and our activities as to be almost incredible. No longer is the finger of scorn pointed at one because he is a Mormon. On the contrary there is at least respect where there is not downright admiration.

From time to time we have published in these columns, and shall continue to publish, outstanding achievements of our people in these parts—people who have come down here, and starting from scratch among thousands, asking no odds and making no apologies, but proudly and with befitting dignity bearing the mantle of their heritage, have made the world take notice of them and do them honor.

One such, recorded in this issue, is President Macdonald, who has won the love and respect and highest praise from California's and Stockton's leading citizens.

He didn't do this, and none of the others have done it, by apologizing for their beliefs. The time for such, if it ever existed, is past. There have been those of us who have seemed ashamed and have sought to hide connection with the Church, fearing it would be a lodestone. There are still, probably, a few such. But no one loves a coward, and such shame is of the stuff of cowardice. It, too, if cast upon the waters will be found again after many days.

HIGH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Members of the High Council and Stake Presidency and their wives met at the home of President Eugene Hilton the evening of August 27th in the first of a series of monthly social study evenings. The dual objective is to provide a series of interesting discussions on gospel doctrine, and an opportunity to fraternize socially in a way not usually possible at meetings devoted strictly to business. Following a symposium on the Melchizedek Priesthood led by Don C. Wood, there were games and light refreshments. The next session will be at the home of President W. Glenn Harmon, September 23rd.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come."

These prophetic words of our Saviour are being rapidly fulfilled. The statement assumes cooperation in this great undertaking on the part of those who are called by his name. What part are you and I having in carrying the restored gospel to all the world?

If each of us accept the opportunities which are before us we shall have a real part in advancing God's great latter-day work. The burden of our modern scriptures is: prepare yourself; instruct and warn others. Through our words and actions each of us are daily aiding or hindering the progress of this great work.

In this sense we are all missionaries. The Lord has need, however, for a more intensified service than can be given in this incidental manner. He invites those who can do so to devote at least a few years of their time, with their means and their talents as His special messengers. He has issued this modern call in the following words:

"Behold the field is white already to harvest; therefore whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his sould everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God. Yes, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God."

Oakland Stake is called upon to at least double the number of full time missionaries in the field. We are setting our minimum number to be kept in the field at 25, or one to every 150 members in each ward and branch. As a Stake Presidency and High Council we call upon Bishoprics, prospective missionaries and parents to cooperate to this end. It is a privilege and a responsibility which we jointly share. Let us put ourselves in line to reap the rich blessings which shall attend such true service in this greatest of all causes.

Faithfully your Brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
W. GLENN HARMON
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS

CHURCH OF AIR BROADCAST WELL RECEIVED

President Hilton has been receiving "fan mail" from all over the United States as a result of his radio talk on Columbia's Church of the Air Program August 1st. His sermon, whose subject was, "Significance of the Restoration," was in his usual scholarly and interesting manner. It has been published by the Deseret News, and anyone desiring copies may procure them by writing to the Church Radio Committee, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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TESTIMONIAL-RECEPTION HUGE SUCCESS

The chapel and amusement hall of Berkeley Ward were jammed with some eight hundred friends of President and Mrs. Macdonald and President Johnson on the evening of August 13, gathered to do honor to their well beloved leaders. That it was the finest thing of its kind ever held in the bay region is the opinion of all who attended, including President Macdonald, who told the committee in charge it was the greatest party he had ever attended.

The evening commenced with a reception in the lounge, the receiving line being composed of the Stake Presidency, Stake Clerk and their wives, and the guests of honor and Mrs. Johnson. Following this was a short but excellent program. All members of the original high council of San Francisco Stake were called to the stand. The invocation was by Elder William T. Hicken who served on the high council from the beginning. Two baritone solos were rendered by LeGrande Anderson accompanied by Grace Richards, and were followed by a short welcome from President W. Glenn Harmon who sounded the keynote of the evening, "good fellowship, brotherly love, and bouquets for the living." Duets by Orral Luke and Hazel Chipman Richards preceded a speech by President Hilton, reminiscing upon his association with the guests of honor, and ending with the presentation of a traveling bag to Mrs. Macdonald, a fountain pen desk set and a brief case to President Macdonald, and a dual pen desk set to President Johnson. The guests of honor each responded feelingly, and in the opinion of all present made the best talks of their respective careers. Noteworthy were the remarks of Mrs. Macdonald who told of her reluctance to give up the home she had finally and with such difficulty established in Stockton to assume the arduous and dreaded tasks of the wife of a mission president; and how her feeling had entirely changed in the course of a trip accompanying President Macdonald and the retiring president around the mission. The trip opened her eyes and caused her to fall in love with the work. She ended with a stirring appeal for more missionaries.

The program concluded with two beautiful numbers from the Mormon Male Chorus. Benediction was by Elder John G. Wimmer of the original High Council, after which the assemblage enjoyed dancing and refreshments in the amusement hall. Many people were present from San Francisco Stake, including Presidents Stephen Winter and Howard McDonald. Virtually every ward and branch in the entire bay area was represented.

Principally responsible for the outstanding success of the evening were R. Kendally Thomas, Bishop A. D. Ericksen, and members of the committee from the High Council composed of O. Leslie Stone, Delbert L. Wright, Nathan G. Tolman, Grant D. Ellis, Don C. Wood and their respective wives. Thanks, also, is due to the splendid cooperation of the various priesthood quorums, the wards, and the stake auxiliaries.

MALE CHORUS TO BE ON AIR

The Mormon Male Chorus will soon be on a regular semi-monthly schedule of broadcasting. Arrangements are almost completed with station KROW whereby the chorus will appear on the first and third Sundays of each month for a fifteen minute program. The tentative time is 5:45 to 6:00 p. m.

SCRIPTURE READING

(Ward Teacher's Message for September)

There is a definite duty and obligation enjoined upon Latter-Day Saints to become informed of the teachings of the Gospel. We are taught that man cannot be saved in ignorance and that the knowledge gained in this life will continue with us eternally.

The most important knowledge any person can acquire is knowledge of God's plans and purposes for the salvation of His children— the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Other useful and helpful knowledge is, of course, desirable. But no amount of knowledge of worldly affairs will compensate for lack of knowledge of things spiritual.

Reading of the standard works of the Church—the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price—and becoming familiar with the important teachings they contain, should be a regular practice in all Latter-Day Saint homes.

We are here upon earth to gain experience, knowledge, and understanding of temporal, spiritual and eternal truths. The tendency, being followed by many, to neglect study of the Scriptures, is regrettable. It indicates a disposition to ignore, or at least failure to heed, the plainly stated injunctions of the Scriptures themselves and the oft-repeated teachings of Church leaders. We are definitely informed that parents who fail to teach the principles of the Gospel to their children will be held accountable for such failure; and parents themselves who fail to gain all the knowledge available to them will, as time goes on, forfeit the blessings which come to those who gain understanding of spiritual things.

With the approach of the fall and winter seasons it is suggested that each family prepare and follow a program of Scripture reading, either collectively or individually. Whenever practicable, Scripture reading by the entire family group is highly desirable. Families in which this commendable practice is followed bear testimony of its value and manifest in their lives the virtues developed through learning and applying the teachings of Scripture.

In times like these, a solid foundation of faith should more than ever, be the goal of every Latter-Day Saint. Regular, careful and prayerful reading of the Scriptures is one of the best known methods of securing and retaining that. (Taken from August Era, page 513.)

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President Douglas Barnes of the Long Beach Stake presidency, a former resident of Oakland Stake brought greetings from the southland, and also spoke briefly on service. He was followed by Miss June Weindorff, recently returned from the North Central States Mission, Elders V. Leslie Stone and Victor C. Lindblad, members of the High Council assigned to the M. I. A. each spoke briefly of the importance of service in developing the individual. President I. B. Ball of the Stake mission then told of the great missionary work which may be done right in our own front door yards and appealed for help in doing it. The session was concluded by remarks from Superintendent George Q. Morris, who stated the gospel offered man the greatest opportunity for development through service that could be had anywhere.

The Sunday evening meeting was under the auspices of the M. I. A. Lund Johnson, first assistant to the Stake superintendent, conducted. The theme for the new season's work is the twenty-fourth psalm. This was beautifully read by Marjorie Evans of Berkeley. Following her, Elder Ben Young of Dimond ward gave a brief but masterful exposition and presentation of the theme. This brought forth responses from the various classes of the M. I. A., represented by Scout Robert Barrett, Junior Evelyn Elliott, Gleaner Viola Lauper and M Man James Ruff. The Mormon Male Chorus, directed by Robert Sant, sang two numbers, and were followed by Hazel Brockbank and Superintendent Morris. Sister Brockbank's theme was the intelligent direction of

During the course of the evening the new presidency of the Young Women's M. I. A., comprising Helen Swenson Ream, president; Mary Dunham, first counselor, and Mary Scott, second counselor, were presented to the audience. President Ream spoke briefly.

HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS

Alameda: Charles C. Carr, Orland Olsen.

Berkeley: William J. Nielsen, Heber J. Brown.

Dimond: Nathan G. Tolman, Robert T. Paine.

Elmhurst: Victor C. Lindblad, Rudolf G. Fjellstrom.

Hayward: Don C. Wood, Clare C. Hunt.

Martinez: Delbert L. Wright, Dorothy Perry, Mrs. Grace Elliott.

Oakland: Ray H. Fisher, Bromwell Z. Cox.

Richmond: John T. Kest, Roiyat T. Cox.

Vallejo: Claude M. Dewsnup, Ira B. Call.

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DR. DORIUS ON TOBACCO

they recognize a real difference in the irritating properties of smoke from different brands of cigarettes. However, there is little agreement among these smokers as to which brand is least irritating.

So far no cigarettes have been successfully de-nicotinized. If nicotine were successfully removed it might be a boon to suffers of Buerger's disease, tobacco amblyopia or other conditions ascribable to nicotine. But nicotine plays a very small part in the local irritation from smoking. Side-stream smoke is far more irritating than main-stream smoke or that which is sucked into the smoker's mouth. The reason is probably due to the alkalinity or caustic action of the side-stream; whereas the main-stream smoke is neutral or slightly acid. Another nitrogenous base in tobacco smoke, pyridin, is more volatile and irritating than nicotine. Ammonia content in the side-stream smoke may be as high as one-half of one per cent and account for most of the irritation, whereas little or no ammonia enters the mouth of the smoker.

The insurance statistician, Hofmann, reported in 1931 that cancer of the mouth, tongue, esaphagus, larynx and lungs is more common in smokers. Recent investigators feel that the cancer danger has been exaggerated. However, this is still a controversial subject.

There have been many conflicting reports on investigation of the stomach and digestive organs following smoking. In general it is found that symptoms resembling peptic ulcer are common in smokers, and smoking is forbidden in ulcer treatment. X-ray studies have demonstrated hyperirritability of intestines following smoking which has given rise to various symptoms.

A great deal of literature reporting the studies of physical efficiency has been written dating back to the war and including many studies on "soldiers' heart" and shell shock or war neurasthenia. While in ordinary activities a reasonable amount of smoking may not have a noticeable effect, it is the consensus of opinion that the highest muscular efficiency, endurance, skill and ability to meet physical strain are incompatible with smoking, particularly just preceding the event. Generally speaking, coaches and trainers of athletes make the same observations.

Dr. Earp reported lower percentage of scholarship among smokers in a number of experiments, but later conceded that scholarship depended upon the type of man rather than upon smoking; for, he aptly stated, the men of poor caliber and indolent habits are more prone to use tobacco to excess than ambitious workers. Most reports on the effect of smoking on mental efficience show an average decrease of about ten per cent, most marked in the fields of imagery perception, and association. Also there is generally noted less accuracy in co-ordinated movements.

Conversely the toxic reaction or narcotic effect shows a tendency to depress mental and reflex activity, and to promote a spirit of ease and comfort, instead of keen attention or effort. This was regarded as beneficial, especially in worried states, for soldiers in war, etc.

Heart action is accelerated seven to ten beats, and Fisk of the Life Extension Institute showed ten per cent more organic heart disease and fifteen per cent more overrapid pulse in smokers than in non-smokers.

The above comments are taken from recent medical literature and at least show the recognized harmful actions of smoking, and also show that considerable research work is being reported on this subject.

What cannot be achieved by the act of smoking is attempted by suggestion through the printed word. Prominent men and women are quoted in advertisements, which tell of some benefits derived from smoking certain brands of cigarettes. Young people are unable to discern the fraud in such statements. Recently national service clubs have formed protests to the misrepresentation of a product and abuse of advertising. This is considered a serious problem of today.

STAKE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Stake Presidency has recently appointed O. Leslie Stone, Dr. Grant Ellis, Delbert Wright and Victor C. Lindblad, all of the High Council, as a permanent finance committee for the Stake to supervise raising of all funds, and the care of the budgeting of all expenditures.

STAKE M. I. A. HAS DANCE-DRAMA COURSE

On the Wedneday evening following the close of the conference-convention, M. I. A. workers of Oakland Stake and its various wards were privileged to attend an intensive evening's course of instruction in the drama, and in the new M. I. A. dances, under the guidance of W. O. Robinson, field secretary of the General Board.

Elder Robinson, who came down primarily to attend the conference-convention of San Francisco Stake held the week following that in Oakland, managed to come early so as to give Oakland dance and drama leaders the benefit of his assistance.

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DENNIS LAUPER REACHES FIELD OF LABOR

A letter from Dennis Lauper bearing a postmark from Liege, Belgium, tell his family he has reached his field of labor and is buckling into the harness. We quote the letter in part:

"The landlady doesn't speak a word of English, but she has two sisters that have lived in California and who speak some. We are getting used to the food now but it is quite different in some respects. It's heavy food like we used to have on the farm, with lots of spuds, good heavy bread and *terrible* soup (the only thing I can't go. It's just like a forkful of hay in boiled water). The milk is always boiled for sanitation, and we have it with bread and apple sauce for both breakfast and supper so that the only way you can tell which meal it is, is to look at the clock.

"The noon meal is pretty good and I have gotten so it doesn't make any difference to me if it is 'horse meat.' The evening meal we usually take out, buying something uptown with the six francs our supper would have cost.

"So far we haven't eaten at any of the members homes yet; they are all quite poor and many keep families on less than one of us can live on. The woman is the slave here and must obey the husband; so usually both work—and hard, too. Liege is a coal mining town and consequently quite smoky and dirty, but there is much vegetation, well landscaped.

"In this town you see some of the most modern things and then some of the most ancient. For instance, they have just as good street car service as you can find anywhere . . . and then on the other hand you can see them light the street lights with a torch.

"You see women walk along the streets with shoulder yokes across their shoulders, balancing milk cans full and heavy; dogs helping to pull carts and buggies; hurdygurdies in the street. And yet you may go into a modern store and ride on the escalators or do business in as modern a bank building as you ever saw.

"Their morals are prominent in their absence, and one must not be surprised to see most anything. We saw a toddling little fellow whose father was helping him to walk, smoking through a cigarette holder. More beer is consumed in Belgium per capita than any other country . . .

"The city is filled with cars, as they manufacture them here and also assembly many American makes. Also a great many motorcycles and bicycles geared for hills. But most of the missionaries walk here in Liege— and a lot of walking it is.

"Most of the time the weather is cloudy and it rains a little bit on a moment's notice, so that is why everything is so green.

"The two of us mess around and do most as we please, trying to talk here and there. . . . Then in the evening, very often one of the good sisters who is well educated gives us another lesson. Her husband was translator for the mission papers before he passed away. She says I have a good natural accent but lack the continuity (choppy yet).

"Last Sunday we took in three sessions and gave a little talk by using an interpreter. They gave us the 'glad hand' but we n'comprend pas. There are three little branches in Liege and suburbs and each has a chapel. They can all maintain themselves with their own members.

"Fletcher and I took in a French show featuring Grace Moore, but all we could understand was the Silly Symphony which was for last Christmas."

MORE MISSIONARIES TO BE CALLED

In order to do our full part in carrying to the world the great message that we bear, the Stake Presidency and High Council have prepared the following schedule as a guide in the calling of full time missionaries into the field. The number suggested from each ward and branch should be regarded as a minimum. It will be a blessing to all concerned if the number can be exceeded. The number of full time missionaries now in the field and the quota for each ward is shown below. It is hoped that we shall soon be able to report every ward at least up to the quota suggested. The quota is based upon one full time missionary for every 150 members.

		Missionaries	
Ward	Membership	Now Out	Quota
Alameda	195	0	1
Berkeley	656	2	4
Dimond	545	3	4
Elmhurst	627	4	4
Hayward	216	0	2
Martinez	334	0	2
Oakland	578	1	4
Richmond	206	0	1
Vallejo	271	1	2
Totals	3628	11	24

UNIVERSITY ATTRACTS MANY

Coincident with the opening of the fall term of the University of California, many new faces are appearing in the various wards, and many old faces are reappearing. The University of California is proving to be an attractive place for those seeking higher education.

A littl over one year ago, shortly after the completion of the Berkeley Ward chapel, an organization was effected to help take care of the religious and social needs of Latter Day Saint Students. Designed to supplement, rather than to compete with the M I. A., it proved a very effective means of bringing together students of the university, and tying them closer into Church activities. It was named the Deseret Club, and shortly after its organization it took steps to affiliate into a group of similar clubs sponsored by the Church in the various cities where there were institutions of higher learning. Membership in these clubs is restricted under Church direction, to those who are actually students in a university.

The first function of the Deseret Club in Berkeley for the new season will be an open house held at the Berkeley chapel Sunday afternoon, September 5th. A tentative meeting time for the club has been set for each week to immediately follow sacrament services.

Representatives of the club are now busy culling the registration cards at the University so as to be able to contact every student who may or should be interested in the club's activities.

The Messenger goes to press too early to inform its readers more specifically of the people who are back in Berkeley in the pursuit of knowledge, but in behalf of the membership of Oakland Stake it extends a hearty welcome, and an invitation to participate actively in Church affiairs, and to make use of the club rooms of the Deseret Club.

MUSIC COMMITTEE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE

Thanks to the generous help of the Church authorities and the bishops of the various wards, the Stake Music Committee, Archer Willey, chairman, was able in August to hold the first of what we hope will be annual institutes for the training of choristers and organists.

These institutes, organized on a Church-wide basis for the purpose of assisting in the developing of better music, cover a period of about ten days of intensive instruction by directors sent out from the Church Music Committee in Salt Lake City. At the sessions held in Oakland Stake, Tracy Y. Cannon gave instruction to organists, W. King Driggs, Stake Chorister, instructed the choristers. Between fifty and sixty people, representing all the wards and branches of the Stake, were in attendance.

NEW STAKE-WARD DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

Stake Clerk Hugh Anderson is rapidly completing copy for the new directory of Stake and ward officers. It will go to press just as soon as a few remaining positions on the various Stake boards are filled.

The various Stake auxiliaries are rapidly completing their roster of officers, but the Messenger goes to press too early to give the names of all.

The Relief Society presidency, consisting of Sarah H Carruth, Ivie Breck and Sarah E. Banning, have had several changes on their board, but it is hoped to announce their complete personnel in the October Messenger.

The Y. W. M. I. A. presidency consists of Helen Swenson Ream, president, with Mary Dunham and Mary Scott as counselors. The superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A. is not quite complete as the Messenger goes to press; F. E. Huish is superintendent and Lund Johnson is his first assistant. The second assistant will be chosen soon.

The Sunday School superintendency is now complete, with John C. Stirrat superintendent and Asael J. Smith and Elwin Bagley as assistants. The Primary, too, is complete. Mary Randall is superintendent, with Mavis Humphries and Annabelle Hart as assistants and Esther Cooley as secretary.

WARD NEWS

DIMOND

Mary Elizabeth Shurtliff became the bride of Curtis Ray Bybee in the Dimond chapel, July 17th, Elder Clyde J. Summerhays officiating. The chapel was banked with flowers. A reception was held afterward at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold R. Shurtliff. The couple are at home in the Piedmont Apartments.

Dimond chapel was the scene of another beautiful wedding on August 20th, when June Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olson, was married to John Jacob Unks of Berkeley. Bishop Phelps performed the ceremony. Following the ceremony and a reception at the home of the bride's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Anton E. Olson, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon at Tahoe.

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Charles C. Cherrington and son, Don, are enjoying a fishing trip in the northwest.

Rose Clarke and family just returned from a summer spent in Utah.

The beginning of a new season finds the organizations almost completely organized. They are headed by the following officers: Y. M. M. I. A., Clyde Curtis, superintendent; Kenneth Matheson and Junius Payne as assistants; Joe Roy Hilton, secretary. Y. L. M. I. A., Viola Lauper, president; Dorothy Kilner and Artense Cherrington, counselors; Ruth Boyle, secretary. Primary, Sarah Summerhays, superintendent; Hazel Allen and Miriam Lee, assistants; Mable Katzberger, secretary. Relief Society, Patricia Fish, president; Blanche Jacobs and Cecil Young, counselors; Winnifred Phelps, secretary. Sunday School, Francis Gealta, superintendent; Parley Fish and Curtis Bybee, assistants.

Lucille Morgan represented the Stake Gleaners organization at the Salt Lake conference this summer.

Dorothy Dunster and mother enjoyed visiting for the past month at their former home in Alton, Illinois.

Another little daughter is being welcomed at the home of our former Bishop, Serge J. Lauper.

Mr. and Mrs. France R. Olson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian to Marshall Vaughn Adamson, the wedding to take place September 18.

Dorothy Kilner recently returned from a trip to Alaska.

VALLEJO

Fifty-two members of Vallejo Ward enjoyed a delightful 24th of July at Napa City water works, with a swim at Vichey Springs in the evening. The event was sponsored by the M. I. A.

On July 28th, Elmer Lathroyp and Marie George of Napa, were married at a very impressive ceremony at the bride's home in Napa. After a short honeymoon friends may call on the newlyweds at their new home, 468 Coombs Street in Napa.

Monroe Thomas and Robert Larsen have returned to Vallejo after spending the past month at the C. M. T. C. at Monterey, Calif.

Members of the former Genealogy Class enjoyed a delightful swim and weenie roast at Mt. George, in Napa County, August 3rd.

A group of M. I. A. officers and teachers and the Bishopric and their wives gave a delightful surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lathrop, at their home in Napa. Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen and son, Robert, left Vallejo August 7 for a motor trip to Utah. On their return they will visit Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

Miss Verona Singley of Los Angeles, California is visiting in Vallejo as a guest of her cousin, Fern Mayfield, of 1133 Georgia Street.

Valleja Ward is very happy to add another member to their list. Mrs. Fay Androgn, who has been active in our primary since its organization was baptised in Oakland on July 31, 1937, by Elder Elbert E. Taylor of Vallejo.

Ward members are extending their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Lary Fullen following the death of their son Ralph, who passed away in Oakland, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Fullen accompanied the body to Kansas where interment will take place.

BERKELEY

Lew Rowland and Eliza Richardson were married Saturday, August 21, in Salt Lake City. They will make their home in Berkeley for the present, where Lew is attending the University.

Tuesday evening, August 24, the Gleaner Girls of Berkeley ward sponsored a co-ed dance in the recreation hall of the chapel. The co-ed theme was cleverly carried out with the boys wearing the corsages and the girls making arrangements for the dances. In charge of arrangements was Alma Deane Erickson, Gleaner president. A good crowd enjoyed the evening.

The Young Mens' and Young Women's Mutuals have been reorganized and the following officers sustained: Y. M. M. I. A., Reed S. Gardner, superintendent; Roy Gardner and Clifton Boyack, assistants, and Sam McConnell, secretary. Y. W. M. I. A., Laurene Ellis, president; Margaret Monson and Marjorie Evans, counselors, and Martha Reed, secretary.

The Relief Society officers who have been sustained and set apart for the coming year are: Hannah E. Richards, president; Myrle Coltrin and Golda Evean, counselors, and Lyda Byrne, secretary; Maybeth Johnson, chorister, and Lucille Ream, organist.

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OAKLAND

Mrs. Arthur Burdett and daughter Helen, have returned from visiting relatives in Salt Lake City.

Huey Nielson is anxiously looking forward to the time when his wife will bring her new baby boy home from Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Aldridge and Mrs. Fern Barney spent their vacation in Portland visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bagley.

The Gleaner Girls' Sewing Club gave a lovely bridal shower for Lucille Billings at the home of Helen Gain.

At a lovely home wedding on August 14, Ruth Davey became the bride of Edward Hofrichter.

Mrs. James Gain has been visiting with her sister in Great Falls, Montana.

Ardell Kay is in the hospital recovering from an emergency appendicitis operation. She expects to be home soon.

Lawrence Sears has just returned from the Merritt Hospital where he underwent an operation.

The Primary, under the direction of Geneva Hess, held a very successful party on August 24. They played games and had lunch in Mosswood Park. The Primary had a ward project and collected baby clothes which they presented to the Relief Society. Three new ward members, Vera Mayhew and daughter Lenore, and Olenna Banks are now helping in the Primary.

Elder Haddock has resigned as teacher of the Genealogy Class. He has taught this class for years and will be greatly missed.

HAYWARD

The Genealogy Society basket party was a success. Forty-six people were in attendance. Dancing and games were the feature; the prizes were of a genealogical nature. Brother Auger won the main event of the evening: the ladies' dressing contest.

Mrs. Elmer F. Parry and children, LaVon and Robert, who have been visiting at the home of President Leo J. Parry have returned home in Salt Lake City.

We are very pleased to welcome Maurice McFadden a member. He was baptised last month.

The M. I. A. is fully organized. The pep and enthusiasm shown thus far assures us that we have an up and coming Mutual which will not take a back seat to any other group in the Stake

The Sunday School sponsored a picnic at Sequoia Park. Baseball about wrecked the oldsters. Plenty of exercise and a good time was had by all.

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ALAMEDA

Friday evening, August 20th, the Alameda Primary Association held open house for Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Richardson and family who are leaving for Salt Lake City. Many ward members and friends attended.

On the same evening Scout Troop No. 16 tendered a farewell party for Scout Master J. Z. Richardson and his sons Jay and Robert. The boys have been very active and successful Scouts.

Reorganization of the Ward Relief Society was effected recently with Mrs. Bessie Stevens as president and Mrs. Ann Tuttle and Mrs. Alfred Liddle as counselors.

Away on vacations during the past month were: Mrs. Lue Rilda Seavers, Mrs. Meda Hughes, Mrs. Blanche Crandall, Miss Lucille Crandall, Miss Shirley Everett, Miss Jean Knowles, Mr. Lee Schow and Mr. Reed Schow. Enjoyable times were reported by all.

Don Schow of Brigham City, Utah, will spend the winter here visiting with his brothers.

Mrs. Edith A. Pearson is spending a portion of her vacation visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Rulon A. Knowles, and family.

Hyrum S. Horman has been chosen as president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, with Mr. Bill Clayson and Mr. Warren Holmes as assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yeaman have as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bowen and daughter, Sharon, of Salt Lake City. Mr. Bowen is a brother of Mrs. Yeaman.

Successful dances were held in the Ward Hall on July 30th and August 21st. These initiate a plan to hold a dance once every two weeks on Saturday nights; proceeds to be contributed to the Ward Building Fund.

ELMHURST

Miss Ruth Nelson spent a week at Pengrove with her sister.

Mr and Mrs. W. C. Owens and daughter, Helen, spent three weeks in Yosemite.

Miss Lucille Empey of Ogden, Utah, is visiting Miss Margie Payne.

Vaun Moody has returned from a two weeks vacation in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stock and family from Utah were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E Stock.

Llewellyn Fancher of Merced is visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. Marchant.

Miss Cleo Pierce from Springville, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Witten of Salt Lake City were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pearson.

Alton and Clifton Sterrett were favored by a visit from their parents and brother from Idaho.

Dr. Russell B. Swensen, a member of the faculty of the Brigham Young University, is visiting at the home of Dr. Milton P. Ream.

Mrs. A. E. Darton is visiting her son Mr. Ray Darton. Mrs. Darton is from Los Angeles.

Bishop MacFarlane and family are spending their vacation in Utah.

Relief Society will start class work the first Tuesday in September.

Justin Marchant is recovering from a recent operation.

Giles W. Johnson has been chosen as a member of the Genealogical Committee.

A surprise party was given Franklin D. Webb in honor of his birthday. Every one present had a lovely time.

Our M. I. A. officers for the coming season are as follows: Y. M. M. I. A., Truman Nethercott, superintendent; Bob Stoker and Eldon Marchant, assistants; Charles Dean, secretary. The Y. W. M. I. A., Irene Schatz, superintendent; L. Holder and Barbara Martin, counselors; Gladys Cheney, secretary.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Fowles, Vallejo, a son, August 3.
To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shell, Vallejo, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Schipper, Elmhurst, a daughter, July 11, 1937.

BLESSINGS:

Audrea Eva Rosenbaum, Alameda.
Charles Robert Lofthouse, Alameda.
Beverly Jean Hastie, Alameda, August 1.

MARRIAGES:

Edwin Sidney Hofrichter and Ruth Davey, by President Eugene Hilton, August 14th, at Oakland.
William H. Drabble and Thelma Amrion Olson, by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps, August 20, at Dimond.
John Jacob Unks and June Olson by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps, August 20, at Dimond.
Rodney Lamond and Mary Louise Ortez by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps, August 21, at Dimond.
Lewis Rowand and Elize Richardson, Berkeley, August 21st, in the Salt Lake Temple.
Kenneth Parkington and Alice Cracle, by Bishop MacFarlane, Elmhurst, July 26.

DEATHS:

Willey George Apedale, Elmhurst, August 21st.

BAPTISMS:

Mrs. Fay Androgn, Vallejo, July 31.
Maurice Edward McFadden, Hayward, July 31.
Pratt Ray Truscott, Hayward, July 31.
Georgia Maryann Cox, Hayward, July 31.
Byron Leon McAllister, Hayward, July 31.
May Wells, Hayward, July 31.
Neva Jean Creager, Hayward, July 31.

ORDINATIONS:

William Marchant, Elmhurst, priest.
Sterling E. Yeaman, Alameda, deacon, August 1.
MacThomas Yeaman, Alameda, deacon, August 1.

MARTINEZ

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Wanless of Rodeo was blessed Sunday, August 8th.

Miss Margaret Harding of Ogden, Utah, is visiting in Crockett at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Clarke, and also at the home of Mrs. Lewis Storey.

Mrs. Robert Sant and daughter, Jean, are visiting in Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robison and family have returned from their vacation, spent at Bass Lake.

The Wadsworth family have returned from Utah where they spent the summer. We are all glad to see them return, as we feared they might remain there.

Bishop Abbott and family are vacationing in the mountains near Grass Valley.

Willard Knowles and family have returned from their vacation spent up the Redwood Highway, at Crater Lake and other points of interest.

George Barber and family are vacationing at Lake Tahoe.

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RICHMOND

Mrs. J. F. Williams of Fresno, sister of Bishop Hopkins, has been visiting in Richmond for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Layton and son have return from their Salt Lake sojourn.

The Richmond ward was singularly honored recently by a visit to the new chapel now nearing completion of Mission President W. Aird Macdonald and former President Nicholas G. Smith who is now first councilor in the Salt Lake Temple. They were highly elated over the economy achieved in construction and convenience of arrangements. They took the plans with them to Reno, Nevada, as a suggested model for constructing a small chapel.

L. Allan Tidwell and Leah Orme are to be married in the Salt Lake Temple on September 21st. Miss Orme, formerly of Toole, Utah, is now living in Hollywood.

Margaret and Lileth Tidwell and La Von Aikens have returned from a vacation in Smithfield, Utah.

Miss Afton Cressall and her friend, Miss Helen Neally of Logan, recently spent two weeks at the home of Drs. W. B. and Irene Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farns, formerly of Oakland Stake, now of Salt Lake City, were visiting in the Bay region.

An enjoyable moonlight swim-dance picnic was held at the Rod and Gun Club at which reservations were made through the courtesy of Leonard J. Aikens. Were those hot dogs and marshmallows good!

Lillian Morley has received an appointment to a teaching position in the Richmond elementary schools.

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